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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 3 as as marked in red-inked on the copy attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 2-24 as follows:

--2. (new) A data structure, comprising:  
a variable bit rate (VBR) program stream, comprising a first plurality of VBR  
coded bitstream segments; and

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